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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL MILK GRID
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a national milk grid;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the milk producers face difficulties in marketing their milk and do not get even remunerative prices;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure marketing facility and remunerative prices of milk to the milk producers; and

(e) the quality of milk taken from Bihar to Kolkata, Delhi and other neighbouring States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) There is no proposal to set up a National Milk Grid.However, milk flow takes place from surplus area to deficit area through infrastructure set up under cooperative and private sector.

(c)&(d) Milk producers who are members of cooperatives do not generally face difficulties in marketing their milk and getting remunerative prices. There are around 1,00,000 numbers of dairy cooperatives at the village level which are linked to about 177 milk plants spread all over the country for processing and marketing of milk and milk products. This ensures regular and remunerative market for member milk producers of the dairy cooperatives. However, there are some difficulties some times in flush season.

(e) The quality of milk from Bihar to Kolkata, Delhi and other neighbouring states supplied by the cooperatives is generally as per the standards laid down by the receiving processing plant.